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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Examiner Sherrer:

In response to the Office Action, mailed on December 28, 2000 and finally rejecting claims 1, 2, and 12 through 19, please amend the above identified U.S. patent application as set forth below. The claim amendments listed herein are not made as a matter of right, but are all made in compliance with 37 CFR 1.116. The three month, shortened statutory response period for the above listed application expired March 28, 2001. Therefore, as requested concurrently herewith, per 37